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SUBJECT: FAO WORLD FOOD MEETING

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1. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE AWARE OF FAO DG BOERMA'S CALL REPORTED REFTEL (B) FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR WHEAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF THE FAO " TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO MINIMIZE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT WORLD SCARCITY". THIS INVITATION WAS ADDRESSED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, US EUROPEAN COMMISSION, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND THE INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL. BEFORE RESPONDING OFFICIALLY TO THIS PROPOSAL, USG WISHES TO HAVE VIEWS OF OTHER INVITEES ON DESIRABILITY AND TIMING OF SUCH A MEETING. ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT HOST GOVERNMENTS AND REPORT ASAP ON THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARD BOERMA PROPOSAL.

2. FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING BOERMA PROPOSAL (EMBASSIES WHOSE HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN INVITED BY BOERMA SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN RAISING SUBJECT, BUY MAY USE ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS), EMBASSIES MAY INDICATE FOLLOWING U.S. TENTATIVE VIEWS: THE USG WELCOMES PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAMS AND HAS IN FACT ALREADY CARRIED OUT A NUMBER OF BI-LATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR WORLD EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS OF FOOD- AND FEEDGRAINS (EC, CANADA, JAPAN). WE FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF MAJOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED IS NOW UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION BY THE OECD (REFTEL C) AND MAY BE CONVENED SOMETIME IN OCTOBER. THE FAO ITSELF IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL COMMODITY REVIEW AT THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND WILL ALSO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLDING ITS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER; IN ADDITION THE OECD AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 27-28, AND THE FAO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON GRAINS ON OCTOBER 1-5 IN ROME. THE WORLD FOOD SITUATION IS ON THE AGENDA FOR ALL OF THESE MEETINGS. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS WE QUESTION HOW PRODUCTIVE OR USEFUL YET ANOTHER MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE WOULD BE, ALTHOUGH WE ARE WITHHOLDING JUDGEMENT UNTIL WE HAVE HEARD THE VIEWS

OF OTHER INVITEES. AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH ON WHICH WE
WOULD LIKE REACTIONS WOULD BE TO POSTPONE FAO CONSULTA-
TIONS UNTIL AFTER THE FORTHCOMING SERIES OF MEETINGS ON
THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM ARE HELD AND PENDING A FURTHER
ASSESSMENT OF THE FOOD SITUATION.

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